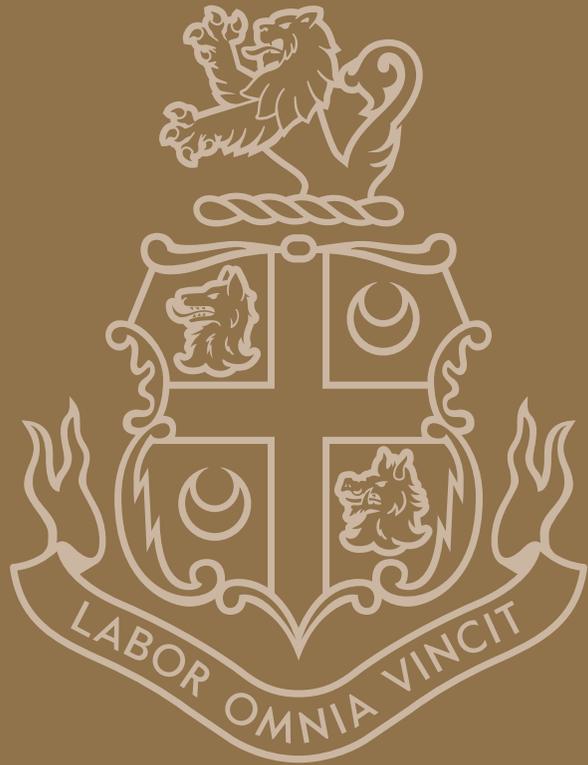


STRATHALLAN
Opportunities for *all* to excel

A photograph of two young girls in school uniforms. The girl in the foreground is carrying the other girl on her shoulders. Both are smiling broadly and looking towards the camera. They are wearing dark blue polo shirts with yellow trim and a crest on the chest. The background is a blurred green hedge or wall.

“Our founder, Harry Riley, believed education should be enjoyed and inclusive and wanted Strathallan to be a place where pupils should be known for who they are and inspired to discover their talents and reach their full potential. Ultimately, Riley believed in education as an improving and transforming force for good.”

Mark Lauder, Headmaster



Welcome from the Headmaster

When our Founder, a 25-year old Harry Riley, decided to set up his own school in 1913, his aim was to offer such a variety of academic work, games and activities that there would be the opportunity for everyone to excel at something.

I would like to offer you a warm welcome to Strathallan. I am personally very proud of the school, and the all-round, progressive education that you will find here. Strathallan's aim has always been to bring out the very best in every pupil, and I hope that you will find something in our prospectus that will let you see how Strathallan might bring out the best in you too.

At Strathallan, we believe the best education happens inside and out. This means not only that we spend as much time outside the classroom as we do indoors (weather permitting!), but also that we're interested, more than your academic output, in looking after your personal wellbeing: building your confidence, resilience, and happiness. We hope you, like many Strathallians before you, will leave our school with the knowledge and skills to succeed, friendships for life, a lifelong curiosity and a love of learning.

Our curriculum is built around you, with a choice of pathways to further training, employment, and some of the best universities in the world. In Sixth Form, you'll have the choice of studying A-Levels, Scottish Highers, and the Extended Project Qualification, which means you'll have access to the widest curriculum in Scotland and the best academic balance to suit your needs and ambition. We'll help you stretch yourself to achieve more: our pupils excel academically, consistently achieving some of the top results in the country. Strathallians have gone on to study and pursue careers all around the world, and from professional sportspeople to entrepreneurs, you'll find some impressive role models amongst our alumni.

Our school is a home to every one of our Boarders and Day pupils. Strathallan as a community is welcoming, friendly, resilient and nothing if not determined. And you don't have to take my word for that, it's what pupils and parents say and what the Scottish Care Inspectorate told us in our last inspection, where they ranked our quality of care 'Excellent' and called Strathallan 'sector-leading'. But the best way to understand the 'feel' of Strathallan is to experience it for yourself. I hope that what you see in our prospectus inspires you to come along and discover our school and what it might mean to you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Riley', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.



Where horizons expand

Strathallan is a friendly, welcoming place with a strong sense of community. We believe in celebrating your achievements, however large or small, fostering strong values, and embracing diversity. You'll find yourself forging friendships and making memories that last a lifetime with people from all kinds of different backgrounds all over the world.

Because most of our teachers live onsite and all staff take part in the pastoral life of the school, they're not just your teachers, but your Housemasters and Housemistresses, sports coaches, tutors and part of your whole school family. Day and Boarding pupils live and work side by side in the same Houses – there are seven senior Houses as well as our Junior House Riley – each with their own unique identity and all sharing our values and culture of close, caring support. We are exceptionally proud of our pastoral setup, and it's not just us who are impressed: in their last inspection in 2019, the Care Inspectorate rated Strathallan at the top, Grade 6 (Excellent) for the quality of our pupil care and support, which they described as “sector-leading”.

Whether you join us as a Boarder or a Day pupil, you'll have an important part to play in the Strath family, and many of our Day pupils stay on after the teaching day for tea, to complete prep and participate in all the activities available – luckily our minibuses run a late drop-off leaving school at 7.30pm!

“I always stay until 9.30pm – it's more fun to do my prep at school and there are always teachers on hand to ask a question.”

Pupil

“Being a boarder at Strathallan was a great experience. I got involved in so many different activities, made great friends and felt part of a wonderful community.”

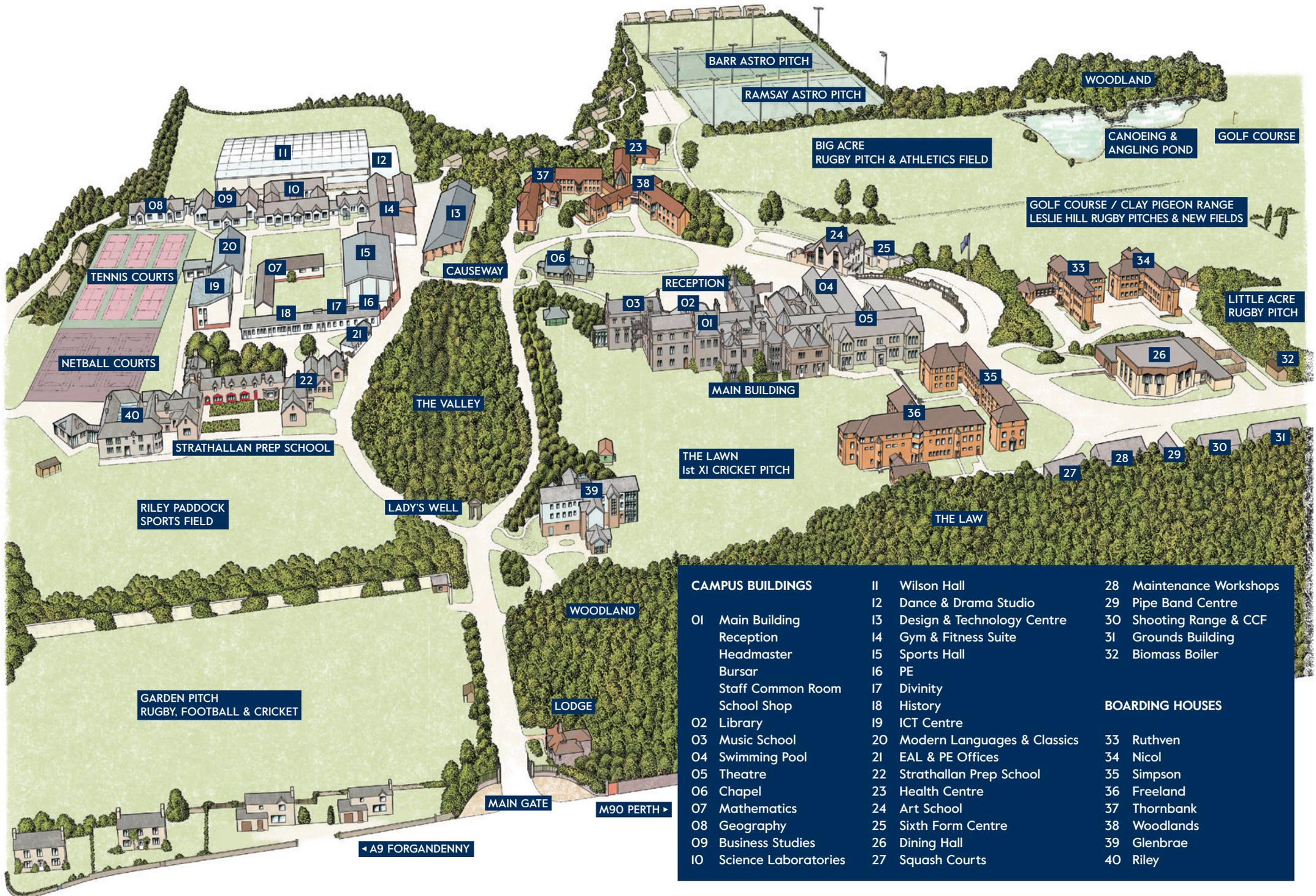
Former Pupil

With 153 acres to explore and protect, Strathallan's lush campus in the heart of Perthshire is in one of the most beautiful parts of Scotland. Packed with rare plants and diverse wildlife, there is always something new to discover on our safe and rural campus, and with regular trips and excursions, you'll find you're in an ideal place from which to explore Scotland. The school is well connected, just seven miles from Perth and less than an hour from Edinburgh.

We've invested heavily in our campus – over £22 million in the past 15 years – so we are lucky to have such a magnificent teaching campus, with excellent academic, sports, residential and recreational facilities. You could find yourself playing on one of our seven rugby pitches, four cricket squares, three indoor netball courts or our nine-hole golf course. Or you might be more tempted to try out our clay pigeon shooting range – the only one at a school in Scotland. Or maybe the pond, fully stocked with trout and with a dedicated canoe slalom training area, is more your thing? Whatever you're interested in, you'll find a place for it at Strath.

Weekends are a very busy time, with school on Saturday morning, sport in the afternoon and a programme of social events in the evening. On Sundays, you could be heading off to a favourite city or one of our local attractions, or relaxing and catching up with friends. House life is central to the Strath experience, too, with activities every day across the school or within your House to create a real buzz in the evenings and at weekends. Are you a quiz whizz or natural-born performer? Now is your time to shine!





CAMPUS BUILDINGS

- 01 Main Building Reception Headmaster Bursar Staff Common Room School Shop
- 02 Library
- 03 Music School
- 04 Swimming Pool
- 05 Theatre
- 06 Chapel
- 07 Mathematics
- 08 Geography
- 09 Business Studies
- 10 Science Laboratories

- 11 Wilson Hall
- 12 Dance & Drama Studio
- 13 Design & Technology Centre
- 14 Gym & Fitness Suite
- 15 Sports Hall
- 16 PE
- 17 Divinity
- 18 History
- 19 ICT Centre
- 20 Modern Languages & Classics
- 21 EAL & PE Offices
- 22 Strathallan Prep School
- 23 Health Centre
- 24 Art School
- 25 Sixth Form Centre
- 26 Dining Hall
- 27 Squash Courts

- 28 Maintenance Workshops
- 29 Pipe Band Centre
- 30 Shooting Range & CCF
- 31 Grounds Building
- 32 Biomass Boiler

BOARDING HOUSES

- 33 Ruthven
- 34 Nicol
- 35 Simpson
- 36 Freeland
- 37 Thornbank
- 38 Woodlands
- 39 Glenbrae
- 40 Riley

Where we are

Strathallan School was founded in 1913 in Bridge of Allan, near Stirling, but quickly outgrew its original site. In 1920, the school moved to the Freeland Estate in Forgardenny, a few miles south east of Scotland's ancient capital the City of Perth.

The campus is ideally situated for accessing the rest of Scotland, whether you want to head north to the ski slopes or south to the political and cultural centres of Edinburgh and Glasgow. Today's travel connections are simple and regular, with frequent trains from Perth and buses through Forgardenny throughout the day.

Approximate Journey Times



Amsterdam-Edinburgh	1 hr 25 min
London-Glasgow	1 hr 15 min
London-Edinburgh	1 hr 10 min
London-Dundee	1 hr 50min



Edinburgh	1 hr
Glasgow	1hr 10 min
M9 motorway	5 min
Edinburgh Airport	50 min
Glasgow Airport	1hr 15min
Dundee Airport	40 min



Where learning
comes to life



“My favourite subject is definitely Maths because I have improved so much while I’ve been here. At my old school I really struggled and found Maths difficult but my teacher here has been really supportive and I managed to get 95% in my last exam which I am really proud of.”

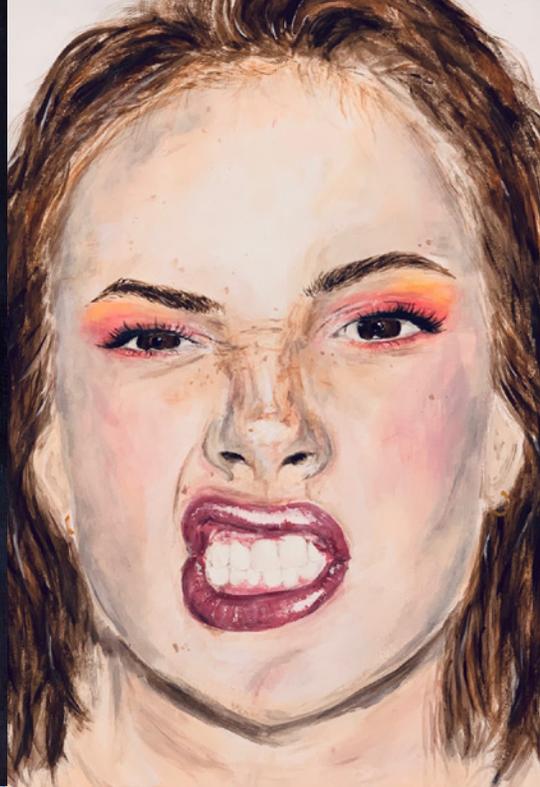
Pupil

Every day at Strath is tailored to you, and our approach to the academic curriculum is no different. By offering a wide choice of courses and qualifications, and delivering a broad and challenging curriculum, we are proud to say we can support every one of our pupils to realise their full academic potential.

Whilst broadly following the aims of the Curriculum for Excellence, our flexible approach to learning recognises that young people learn in different ways. In upper years, you’ll have the choice of English A-Levels, Scottish Highers and the Extended Project Qualification from the widest range of subjects currently available in Scotland.

Our Academic Scholarships offer the support and opportunity to challenge exceptionally able pupils, and with StrathWorldwide, our talented athletes, musicians and those pursuing exceptional training outside of school are still able to fully participate in their academic learning. As well as classroom teaching, you’ll receive support from a dedicated tutor who will oversee your academic progress as well as your general wellbeing. On top of this, the school-wide academic support network of Housemasters, subject teachers and Heads of Department are all available to you outwith class times to offer help and advice.

We know that this flexible, tailored and supportive approach to learning works, because Strath pupils achieve consistently high exam results year after year. You might be surprised at what you find you’re able to achieve, even in your most challenging subject.



Where individuality
is celebrated



Where creativity takes
centre stage



“I joined Strathallan as I knew they had a very good performing arts department. There are lots of opportunities to perform both on a large and small scale and the Scholars event each year is always great fun.”

Pupil

Whether you're a dancer, a drummer or a budding graphic designer, studying the expressive arts at Strathallan offers an inspiring environment to explore your creativity and develop your skills.

Opened by Sir Eduardo Paolozzi, our Art Department has a huge range of creative spaces with dedicated studios for ceramics, printmaking, and drawing. There's also a darkroom, an outdoor patio, and separate study space for A-Level students. Your work could be featured in high-profile exhibitions and competitions, and with trips locally and abroad to explore different landscapes, you'll have plenty of material to spark your imagination.

If your vision is more practical, our purpose-built Design & Technology Department houses the latest technology including CAD software, manufacturing facilities and 3D printers. With designated workshops for timber and metal manufacturing and strong relationships with commercial designers and industrial firms, you'll have the chance to see your designs brought to life. You might even follow in the footsteps of many of our pupils with a prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarship.

With over sixty concerts and performances produced every year, there is always an opportunity to showcase your talents or explore new ones in our 240-seat theatre and recently built Dance and Drama studio. If you are an aspiring dancer, we offer specialist support with the help of our in house RAD teacher. There's also the chance to tackle set design, lighting, sound, makeup and costume, or to play with one (or more) of our thirty different ensembles, including wind, percussion, jazz, big-band, rock bands, folk and electro-acoustic. Our pupils regularly achieve Distinctions at Grades 7 and 8, are awarded Associate London College of Music Diplomas and participate in the world-renowned LAMDAs. Many Strath musicians study with the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and represent Scotland in national ensembles including NYOS and NYCOS. And if you want to be part of something loud, why not pick up a set of pipes or a drum and join our prize-winning Pipe Band performing at Murrayfield, Hampden, and in New York or Barbados? Strathallians have gone on to play professionally with bands around the world, and we can count more than one Red Hot Chili Piper among our alumni.



Where everyone can represent
the school at sports



Where education is game
changing



Strathallan's approach to sport and wellbeing is all about inclusion. Whether you enjoy the benefits of regular exercise or are an aspiring Olympian, our aim is to support you to develop the skills, values and practices to foster a lifelong enjoyment of sport. Everyone up to the age of 15 plays in team sport, and we support a huge range of individual disciplines too, from canoeing and golf, to equestrian and clay target shooting. You'll have access to some of the best on-campus facilities in Scotland for training, practice or just a fun kick-about. You'll have the chance to train with our talented sports coaches and staff, many of whom have played and competed for professional clubs, county and national teams and in the Olympics. We're also just a short drive from the ski resorts of the Scottish Highlands, which means we're well placed to offer a winter sports programme or simply take off for a ski day when the conditions are too perfect to ignore.

For those pupils who have been selected to represent their district, region, or country, our Talented Athlete Programme provides tailored training and advice, and our StrathWorldwide remote learning programme ensures you won't miss out on essential academic work whilst you're away. Strathallians have gone on to have career success at the Olympics, Commonwealth Games, and playing national and international sport at the highest levels.

Our focus is on all-round health and wellbeing, and the health of all pupils is a guiding principle in everything we do. Everyone is given advice and support on all aspects of healthy living, including areas such as nutrition, mindfulness, and coping with exam stress. Our fully equipped Health Centre staffed by qualified nurses, doctors and specialists, is available onsite, and also provides advice and immunisations for foreign travel to all pupils. And because health starts on the inside, providing a nutritious and balanced diet is essential. You'll find an extensive choice of freshly cooked and prepared food, with a choice of soup, hot dishes and salads available at every meal, and our catering team can respond to all specialist dietary requirements and sport-related nutrition.

“I wouldn't be a rugby player today if it wasn't for the help and guidance I received during my time at Strathallan school and the facilities and high quality sport I played there. Period.”

Zander Fagerson, Glasgow Warriors and Scotland Rugby player (Nicol '12)

Where children can be children

Opportunities to excel aren't just built in the classroom, and one of the things that sets Strathallan apart is the scale of what's on offer beyond the curriculum. Diverse experiences and an extra-curricular programme that offers an extensive range of activities help you build on your existing skills, explore new areas of interest and discover hidden talents. More than this, you'll find they are crucial in developing important attitudes and characteristics, building your self-esteem, confidence, ambition and sense of community.

From Strathallan Prep School all the way up to Sixth Form, you'll have a lot of freedom to play and explore the outdoors, whether it's a kickabout with your friends, building dens in the woods, or creating homes for our diverse wildlife in the Valley. With over 80 different extra-curricular activities and 153 acres of campus at your disposal, you've plenty of choice, and if there's something you're passionate about that's not currently on offer, we're always looking for new ideas and activities to share.

You'll have the chance to get involved with the Combined Cadet Force (the only one in Scotland with a school Royal Marines section), the Duke of Edinburgh Award or the John Muir Award schemes, taking part in exercises, activities and competitions locally and nationally. Everything we do is about expanding your horizons. With opportunities to volunteer and get involved with public service initiatives, whether it's supporting disabled people to get involved with music or working with children in the slums of Nairobi, your time and skills can make a difference to communities at home and abroad.

Within the school, our blend of local, national and international pupils provides a richness of experience, culture and understanding. We actively welcome diversity, celebrating the wide range of interests and cultures that our international pupils bring. These days, there are Strathallians around the globe and the impact of a school situated in the small village of Forgandenny is truly international.

“I was encouraged by a teacher to join the photography club as he thought I might be interested in it and I enjoyed it so much that I bought my own camera and I now have my own photography page online.”

Pupil





Where belonging is forever

Whether you're planning to study in Scotland or jet off on an international adventure, once you become a Strathallian, you'll have all the skills, contacts and support to pursue your post-school dreams. From Fifth Form onwards, the Strathallan Careers Programme is designed to give you all the careers guidance, university prep, work experience and networking and mentorship opportunities you'll need to start establishing yourself in your chosen career. The skills and attributes you'll learn to practice help you to stand out in a competitive job market, and our knowledgeable and experienced staff will help you to prepare yourself for careers that might not even exist yet.

Strathallians have gone on to study in some of the most prestigious institutions and work in leading corporations around the globe, and the community of alumni is always happy to support one another. Our alumni network StrathConnect is available to all school leavers, Sixth Form pupils, alumni, parents, grandparents and friends, and has been a source of advice, support, mentorship and work experience in different professions all over the world. Even our most recent leavers regularly return to school to deliver lectures or advise current pupils on university choices and the application process.

You're a Strathallian for life, and friendships founded at school last a lifetime. Former pupils regularly get together, either back in Forgardenny or around the world. The school also organises regular formal and informal events such as drinks receptions, carol services, sports fixtures and fun days at home and abroad.

The Alumni & External Relations Department is always available to support Strathallians and welcomes updates from our former pupils. Please get in touch: a.wilson@strathallan.co.uk

“At my previous school, I remember the careers advisor asked me what I wanted to do when I left school. When I said I wanted to be the number one alpine skier in the world the advisor smiled and then asked me what I really wanted to do. When I started at Strathallan I was asked the same question and, when I offered the same answer, the advisor said ‘That’s amazing! Where do we start?’”

GB Skier, Charlie Guest
(Glenbrae '12)

Where will Strathallan take you?

Strathallan is a popular choice for families from all over the world and places are very much in demand. Pupil numbers are limited, and availability of places cannot be guaranteed at every entry level. To find out about availability for your age and stage, please contact our Admissions team.

At all stages, entry to the school is evaluated based on appropriate assessment as well as reports and/or references from your current school. We will never discriminate on the grounds of race, religion, disability or gender; however, places may be limited by the availability of suitable accommodation in boarding houses which are designated specifically for boys or girls. Scholarships are available at Third Form and Sixth Form entry in a variety of academic, creative and sporting disciplines, with assessment days in November (Sixth Form), and February (Third Form). Awards in Strathallan Prep School are assessed at the end of January.

For more information about scholarship assessments or the admissions process, please see our website or contact a member of the Admissions team on +44 (0)1738 815003 or admissions@strathallan.co.uk.

